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Amy Strati Chief Legal Counsel Indiana Department of Insurance

Dear Ms. Strati:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes proposed by the Indiana Department of Insurance ("IDOI") and contained in LSA Document 05-266, which amends 760 IAC 1-60. The proposed rule affects surcharge rates paid to the Indiana Patient's Compensation Fund by health care providers who practice fewer than thirty-one hours per week and those who participate in fellowship programs.

The impact statement indicates that IDOI is directed to set surcharge rates by actuarial principles and that the changes in surcharge rates were based on the results of an actuarial review. The statement also indicates that the rule will not result in significant increased costs and the in some cases the rule changes will result in a cost savings for affected business. The IEDC does not object to any of the provisions contained in the proposed rule changes.

If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

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